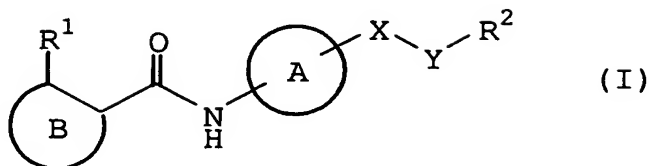


# ABSTRACT

A compound of the formula (I)



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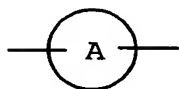
wherein

R¹ is hydrogen, lower alkyl, lower alkenyl, halo(lower)alkyl, cyclo(lower)alkyl, lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio, acyl, optionally substituted aryl or NR³R⁴;

10 R² is hydrogen; or aryl or heteroaryl, each of which may be substituted;

X is direct bond or bivalent residue derived from piperazine;

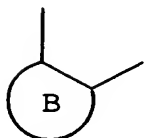
Y is -(A¹)ₙ-(A²)ₘ-, wherein n and m are independently 0 or 1);



is bivalent residue derived from arene or

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heteroarene; and



is bivalent residue derived from arene or

heteroarene, or a salt thereof. The compound of the present invention and a salt thereof inhibit apolipoprotein B (Apo B) secretion and are useful as a medicament for prophylactic and treatment of diseases or conditions resulting from elevated circulating levels of Apo B.

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